## REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 10-17 are merely objected to, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 11, which was indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Claims 10, 12, and 13 also were indicated as allowable, and have been rewritten in independent form. As such, independent claims 1, 4, 10, 12, and 13 and their respective dependent claims should be in condition for allowance.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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